

AMERICAN DRAGON
"THE EGG"
((7W14-110)

EXT. FRONT OF SCHOOL - AFTERNOON

A sign in front of the school reads "Happy Easter." The school bell RINGS. Students pour out.

JAKE, TRIxie and SPUD are walking down the front steps and onto the street.

1 TRIXIE
Yo, this is some seriously messed
up homework assignment.

Jake repeatedly tosses an EGG into the air and catches it.

2 JAKE
For real. What's the point in
having us carry around a stupid egg
for the weekend?

Spud grabs the egg from him.

3 SPUD
Stupid? Dude, don't talk about our
baby like that! This is going to
teach us all of us to become
nurturing care-givers. (then) I
think I'll name him "Smiley."

Spud whips out a pencil and draws a faint smile face on the side of the egg. He cradles it.

4 SPUD
When he grows up, I want him to be
just like me.

5 TRIXIE
Uh, Spud, I hate to break this to
you, but when he grows up, he's
gonna be an omelette.

Just then, a MESSENGER FAIRY flutters over to Jake leaving a vapor trail of pixie dust.

6 MESSENGER FAIRY
Delivery for Jake Long. Sign here.

Jake signs and opens the small envelope. An urgent holographic image of Grandpa forms.

7 GRANDPA (SPARKLE FILTER)
Jake! Come to Grandpa's shop at once! There is a critical Dragon emergency!

Jake hops on his skateboard.

8 JAKE
I gotta jet guys. Do me a favor and watch the egg for me until I get back?

Spud cradles Smiley, melodramatically calling out after Jake:

9 SPUD
You're always working. What about some quality time with our child?

YOU'RE TEARING THIS FAMILY APART!

Jake turns back.

10 JAKE
Sorry, guys. The American Dragon has more important things to do than guard an egg.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. GRANDPA'S SHOP - DAY

Jake stands before GRANDPA and FU DOG in the back room.

11 JAKE
Egg? You want me to guard an egg?

12 FU DOG
Not just any egg. A Griffin Egg.

13 JAKE
A Grif-who?

Grandpa opens up a SCROLL. A magical holographic image of a Griffin pops out and rotates before us.

14 GRANDPA
A Griffin is a magical creature
with the body of a lion, and the
wings and head of an eagle. It
lays an egg only once every
thousand years.

15 FU DOG
So it's a pretty big deal. And
because Griffin eggs are so rare,
there's a lot of undesirables who'd
love to get their hands on one.

16 GRANDPA
Jake, it is imperative that you
guard the egg until it hatches.

17 JAKE
No prob, G.(glancing around)
Where's this Griffin at, anyway?

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. TOP OF EMPIRE STATE BUILDING - DAY

VERTIGO SHOT - straight down. PUSH IN to reveal Jake and Fu
hugging a ledge near the top of the building. Next to them,
a GRIFFIN sits on a GRIFFIN EGG in a nest.

JAKE AND FU - glance over the ledge.

18 JAKE
Whoah. That is a long way down.

19 FU DOG
Hey, at least you got wings, kid.

20 GRIFFIN
Jake turns to the Griffin, calming
it.

21 JAKE
Hey, hey. It's chill. No worries.
So long as the American Dragon is
in the hiz-ouse, ain't nobody even
gonna think about messin' with your-

IN ONE RAPID -- the HUNTSMAN and THORN ROAR past on
the Huntsman's Staff (spread out into a winged surfboard

looking device). The Huntsman blasts a net over the Griffin and Thorn grabs the egg.

22 JAKE
-egg.

The Huntsman and Thorn bank away.

23 HUNTSMAN
Yes! The egg is ours!

The Griffin goes crazy, flapping its wings.

24 GRIFFIN
!

Fu tears the net off the Griffin.

25 FU DOG
Come on, kid. We gotta go get that
egg poacher. Get it? Poached?
Egg? Aw, forget it.

Fu jumps onto Jake's back as he races down the ledge. He turns back to the Griffin.

26 JAKE
Don't worry about your egg. I am
all over this. DRAGON UP!

Jake MORPHS into DRAGON FORM and swan dives off the ledge with Fu on his back. They sail off after the Huntsman.

EXT. NEW YORK CITY - ABOVE SKYLINE - DAY

The Huntsman steers his surf/staff contraption while Thorn holds up the egg.

27 THORN
It's beautiful.

28 HUNTSMAN
More importantly, it's valuable.

29 JAKE (O.S.)
One problem...

Jake swoops down, knocking the Huntsman back and landing on

the staff.

30 JAKE
It's not yours!

The Huntsman falls back into Thorn. She leaps up.

31 THORN
!

Jake and Thorn exchange Kung Fu blows, both careful to avoid smashing the egg.

Fu leaps up and grabs the egg from Thorn, juggling it.

32 FU DOG
I got it...I got it...

He lands on the deck of the craft. The egg rolls out of his paws and drops.

33 FU DOG
...I don't got it.

Jake, Thorn, and the Huntsman react.

34 JAKE
The egg!

He grabs Fu and dives after the falling egg.

EXT. SKY - SAME TIME

Jake (with Fu Dog on his back) torpedo toward the ground after the plummeting egg.

35 FU DOG
So that's how how they make egg
drop soup! Get it? Egg? Drop?

EXT. CARNIVAL - CONTINUOUS

The egg drop onto an inflatable bounce castle, which BOUNCES the egg onto a carnival tent. It rolls down the tent gently, landing in one of those ball bins for toddlers.

Jake and Fu slam down into the ball bin.

36 FU DOG
Start lookin', kid. We gotta get
that egg back to its Mom before it
hatches!

Dragon Jake starts sorting through the balls.

37 JAKE
Let's see...Ball...ball...ball...
ball...ball...ball...egg!

38 THORN (O.S.)
An egg? For me? You shouldn't
have.

They turn around to see Thorn pointing her staff in Jake's
face.

39 THORN
But I'll take it, anyway. Hand it
over, Dragon Boy.

40 JAKE
You know, I like a girl who knows
what she wants. Too bad you're not
gettin' it.
(to Fu Dog)
Dive!

Jake and Fu Dog dive down under the balls.

Thorn dives in after them.

There is a CHAOTIC FIGHT beneath the surface of the balls.

41 JAKE/THORN
Jake is flung against the side
netting of the ball cage. The net
him back, catapulting Jake and Fu
Dog out of the cage and O.S.

42 FU DOG/JAKE
Whooooaaaaaahhh!

Thorn looks up in the direction they just flew, only to come
face-to-face with a pimply-faced teenager.

43 TEENAGE WORKER
Excuse me, ma'am, but the ball bin
is only for children aged six and
under.

44 THORN
Can it, pipsqueak.

Thorn grabs the teenage worker and throws him into a mass of cotton candy.

EXT. ALLEY - CONTINUOUS

Jake and Fu Dog tumble into the alley. Jake still clutches the unbroken egg.

45 JAKE/FU DOG

NEW ANGLE
Thorn rounds the corner, stopping in the mouth of the alley.

46 THORN
I know you're here, Dragon.

THE ALLEY
Full of trash cans and the back doors of stores. Jake and Fu Dog are nowhere to be seen. There are no people anywhere.

A DOORWAY
Thorn walks past it. It's only open an inch. Jake (in his human form) and Fu Dog are peeking out.

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Jake closes the door. They're in the kitchen of a fancy restaurant.

47 JAKE
We better hide here for a while.

REVEAL A FRENCH CHEF nearby, cheerfully chopping up veggies and throwing them into a frying pan. He doesn't see Jake and Fu Dog.

48 CHEF
A WAITER rushes into the kitchen through the swinging door.

49 WAITER
Monsieur Le Chef! The food critic
from The Chronicle is here!

50 CHEF
(in shock)
Non! C'est incroyable!

51 WAITER
She just ordered a cheese omelet!

52 CHEF
Then I must make the finest
Omelette de Fromage in all of
culinary history!

He pulls open the fridge.

CLOSE on the egg shelf. It's empty.

53 CHEF
I am out of the eggs! Sacre bleu!

He looks around frantically before spotting Jake, holding the
egg. The chef lunges greedily at the egg.

54 CHEF
An egg! C'est un miracle!

55 JAKE
Uh...Adios, senor!

Jake and Fu Dog make a run for it. The chef chases after
them.

56 CHEF (O.S.)
Donnez-moi cette oeuf maintenant!

They run through the kitchen and knock over a barrel of
potatoes. Potatoes are rolling everywhere. Jake trips on
one and CRASHES onto a wheeled cart full of dishes. The cart
rolls out through the swinging door and into...

INT. RESTAURANT DINING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The cart, with Jake on it, rolls into the restaurant dining
room. The cart hits a waiter who spills a whole tray of food

onto some customers.

57 CUSTOMERS

The chef comes running out of the kitchen and chases Jake and Fu Dog through the restaurant, causing general havoc.

EXT. STREETS - CONTINUOUS

Jake and Fu Dog run out of the restaurant, quickly followed by the French chef.

58 CHEF

Arretez!

They run down the street and to an intersection where a BIG CRAZY EASTER PARADE is going by. There are marching bands, horses, balloons and lots of floats.

Jake and Fu Dog jump on the back of a float with a gigantic Easter Egg on it and several people in bunny and baby chick costumes. The chef shakes his fist at them.

59 CHEF

Sacre Bleu!

Jake and Fu Dog sit on the float and wave to the crowds. A man in a baby chick costume notices them.

60 BABY CHICK MAN

(to Jake)

Hey, you're not in an animal costume!

(to Fu Dog)

And your costume reeks! Don't you ever dry clean that thing?

Fu Dog sniffs his underarms, indignant.

61 FU DOG

Hey, I had a bath just the other month. Why, I oughtta--

Fu starts pounding on the man's chick costume. The float to a stop. Jake and Fu are thrown off.

62 JAKE/FU DOG
Wha--!/Yarghhhh!

The egg bounces out of his hand in the fall.

63 JAKE
The egg!

The egg is rolling down a steep city street. They run down the hill after it. They get tripped up on each other and end up rolling down the hill themselves...they finally land SMACK into a tree in the middle of a grassy field...

EXT. CENTRAL PARK - CONTINUOUS

They get up.

64 JAKE
(picking up an Easter Egg)
Well, here's the egg...wait - this is purple...
(looking around)
Hey, there are eggs all over the place!

WIDE to reveal lots of families, children looking for eggs and a big banner that says "Central Park Easter Egg Hunt."

65 JAKE
There it is!

Jake runs to the egg, but a LITTLE GIRL picks it up.

66 LITTLE GIRL
Lookee pretty!

67 JAKE
Hey! Uh...little girl...would you mind giving me that egg? Please?

68 LITTLE GIRL
No! My egg! Mine! I finded it, doofus!

69 JAKE
Yeah, but, see, it's really, really important that I--

70 LITTLE GIRL

MIIIIINE!

Jake grabs the egg from the little girl.

The little girl runs to her MOTHER standing nearby.

71 LITTLE GIRL
Mommy, mommy, the mean boy

stoled my egg!

72 MOTHER
(to Jake)
What kind of monster are you?!

73 JAKE
Lady, you wouldn't believe me if i
told you. Happy Easter!

As Jake and Fu Dog start running, the Mother yells to a crowd
of PARENTS.

74 MOTHER
That punk stole my little girl's
egg!

75 PARENTS
The mob of Parents and a couple
policemen chase Jake and Fu Dog
through the park. They are holding
baskets of Easter eggs whichh they
start throwing at Jake...SPLAT,
SPLAT!

EXT. CENTRAL PARK - REMOTE AREA

Jake and Fu round a hill. Jake TRANSFORMS into dragon mode.

76 JAKE
Dragon up!

He scoops Fu Dog up and sails into the air just as--

THE PARENT LYNCH MOB - rounds the hill, looking around.

77 PARENTS
Where did he go?/Find Him!/I want
his head on a platter!

EXT. ROOFTOPS - DAY

Jake zips over the rooftops with Fu Dog under his arm. Fu holds the egg. Jake looks back, triumphant.

78 JAKE
Whew. That was close. I th--

79 FU DOG
Kid! Look out!

Jake looks up just as he through a large window and into--

INT. FACTORY - DAY

Jake and Fu Dog spiral through the factory.

80 JAKE/FU DOG
Whoahhhhh!/Yargghhhh!

They land in a vat of brown muck with a !

81 FU DOG
Ugh. What is this brown stuff?
(sniffing)
Smells kinda funky.

82 JAKE
(eating some)
Tastes like...peanut butter?!

The vat suddenly tips forward, dumping them down a long chute.

83 JAKE/FU DOG
Ahhhhhhh!/Ya-ieeeeeeee!

They land onto a conveyor belt and roll off, covered in peanut butter. Fu licks himself clean.

84 FU DOG
Man. This is sure turning into one
eggs-hausting day.
(then, re: puns)
Man, they just keep

coming!

Jake takes the egg, holding it up.

85 JAKE
Least the egg is safe.

A gloved hand grabs the egg from Jake's hand.

86 JAKE
Hey!

REVEAL the Huntsman and Thorn are standing on the edge of the vat. The Huntsman clutches the egg, victoriously.

87 HUNTSMAN
Mine at last.

The Huntsman aims his staff at Dragon Jake.

88 HUNTSMAN
And now, Dragon, I shall destroy
you!

As the Huntsman fires up his staff, Jake SWIPES his dragon tail at the Huntsman-

89 JAKE
-causing him to fling the griffin
egg across the room and onto a
conveyor belt, along with hundreds
of peanut butter eggs.

90 HUNTSMAN
Ahhh!

Jake, Fu Dog, Thorn and the Huntsman race after the egg on the conveyor belt and watch as--

THE EGG - is covered in caramel, cooled in a refrigeration machine, wrapped in brightly-colored foil and dumped into a pile of millions of eggs.

Thorn and the Huntsman turn on Jake, enraged.

91 THORN
Dragon!

92 HUNTSMAN
You'll pay for this!

The Huntsman swipes with his staff. Jake and Fu leap back, landing on the conveyor belt.

93 JAKE
Jake looks up and sees a waterfall
of chocolate being poured from a
variety of POUNDING machinery.

94 JAKE
Uh oh.

95 FU DOG
This ain't gonna be pretty!

They enter the machinery and get pressed into egg shapes. Then covered in melted caramel. Then cooled in a refrigeration machine. And finally they are wrapped in brightly colored foil and dumped into the humongous pile of candy eggs.

The Huntsman and Thorn fly above the egg pile on the rocket powered staff.

96 HUNTSMAN
Thorn! Find the egg!

Thorn reaches down and begins sorting through the egg. Fu's arm reaches through his foil packaging and leaps up, hitting a button on the Huntsman's staff. The Staff's rocket suddenly , sending the Huntsman and Thorn out and through the roof of the factory.

97 HUNTSMAN/THORN
Nooooooooooooo!/Aaaaaaaaah!

MOVE IN ON THE PILE - Fu Dog and Jake burst out of their fudge-coating and foil wrapping.

98 FU DOG
I'm never eating peanut butter
again.

99 JAKE
Oh yes you are.
(picks up a candy egg)
We're gonna have to eat our way
through every one of these eggs!

100 FU DOG
Are you goofy? There's millions of
'em!

101 JAKE
(unwraps an egg)
Egg number one...
(starts licking it)

DISSOLVE TO:

The box is almost empty. Wrappers are everywhere. Jake and
Fu Dog are sitting beside the box. Their mouths are covered
in peanut butter and they are grotesquely bloated. Jake
unwraps an egg very slowly and painfully.

102 JAKE
Egg number eight
thousand and thirty two...
(licks off the caramel)
Peanut butter again...

103 FU DOG
Too much...peanut
butter...

104 JAKE
(picking up an egg)
Eight thousand and
thirty-three...
(licks off the caramel,
spits in disgust)
(suddenly realizes)
The griffin egg!

105 FU DOG
(slowly and painfully)
Hip...hip...hooo...ray.

106 JAKE
(struggling to get up)
We better get it back to the nest.

EXT. FACTORY - AFTERNOON

Jake drags Fu Dog out the door of the factory.

107 JAKE
(still not feeling good)
Dragon up.

He transforms into a dragon that is also humungously fat.

108 JAKE
To the Empire State building...

He starts flapping but his weight causes him to barely lift off the ground.

109 JAKE
Come on. Come on...

EXT. NEW YORK CITY - ABOVE SKYLINE - DAY

The fat Dragon Jake struggles to stay aloft as he flies back towards the Empire State Building with Fu Dog on his back.

110 JAKE
How much...longer?

Suddenly, a BLAST from the Huntsman's staff shoots in front of them. Jake pulls back as--

THE HUNTSMAN AND THORN - swoop next to them. Thorn begins pummeling Jake with a series of kicks.

111 THORN
Hi-ya! Hi-ya! Hi-ya!

112 JAKE
Ooof! Ooof! Ooof!

The egg flies out of Fu Dog's hand and into the hands of the

Huntsman. He holds it up.

113 HUNTSMAN
At last. A Griffin Egg that will-
Arghhh!

We PAN DOWN to reveal Fu Dog clamped onto the Huntsman's butt. He drops the egg and it rolls across the deck of the staff surfer. Fu clamors after it.

114 FU DOG
This time I got it...This time I
got it...

He dives forward but the egg drops over the side.

115 FU DOG
...This time I don't got it.

Fu leaps onto Jake's back and they dive down after the falling egg. Jake concentrates, trying to gain speed.

116 JAKE
Come on, come on...

EXT. LOMARDO'S PIZZA - DAY

Trixie and Spud exit the pizza parlor with slices. "Smiley" is visible sticking out of Spud's backpack.

117 SPUD
I want to start a college fund for
Smiley now. It's never too soon.

118 TRIXIE
Now you're just scaring me.

The Griffin Egg lands softly on the awning above them and rolls off. It lands on Smiley, knocking it out of Spud's backpack and taking its place. Trixie and Spud walk off, turning a corner.

Smiley onto the sidewalk, just as--

JAKE - descends from the sky, MORPHING back into human form

as he and Fu Dog gather around the splatted egg.

119 JAKE
No! The egg!

120 FU DOG
We're too late, kid. It's sunny
side up.

IN THE SKY ABOVE THE STREET CORNER

Huntsman and Thorn circle around on their staff surfer. They
see Jake and Fu huddled over the splatted egg.

121 THORN
The egg is scrambled, master.

122 HUNTSMAN
Disappointing, Thorn. Back to the
Huntslair!

They bank away and sail off.

EXT. LOMARDO'S PIZZA - DAY

Jake and Fu still stand over the egg.

123 JAKE
I...It's my fault.

Fu starts to tear up.

124 FU DOG
He never even got the chance to get
out of his shell, the poor-
(realizing) Hey! That's no magical
Griffin egg!

Jake kneels down and picks up a piece of shell. It has the
unmistakable smiley face that Spud drew earlier.

125 JAKE
It's Smiley!

126 FU DOG
Smiley? What's that supposed to
mean?

127 JAKE
Well, for one, it means I'm gonna
flunk home economics this semester.
But more importantly, we gotta find
Spud and Trixie!

Suddenly, the LYNCH MOB OF PARENTS turns the corner. The
Mother spots Jake.

128 MOTHER/PARENTS
There he is!/Get him!

Jake and Fu Dog race off.

129 JAKE
Come on!

EXT. SKATE PARK - DAY

Hip Hop music as kids perform elaborate tricks on
the series of half-pipes.

Trixie and Spud skate back and forth on a half-pipe (wearing
proper protective gear). They toss the Griffin Egg back and
forth between them as they execute a series of tricks.

130 TRIxie
Woo-hoo! Yeah!

131 SPUD
Toss Smiley over here! I wanna
show him a trick!

Spud snatches the Griffin Egg and tosses it high into the
air. He goes into an elaborate board trick just as--

JAKE AND FU - round the corner into the park.

132 JAKE
Trixie! Spud! No!

A SLO-MO SEQUENCE - The egg twirls into the air and begins
dropping. Jake races forward. Spud messes up his trick,
biting the dust. The egg is falling towards the floor of the
half pipe. Jake leaps forward, making a diving catch on the

egg.

BACK TO REAL SPEED - Jake lands at the bottom of the half pipe with the egg. Trixie, Spud, and Fu Dog gather around.

133 JAKE

134 SPUD
Oh, sure. Now you wanna take an
interest in our family.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. EMPIRE STATE BUILDING - NIGHT

The moon shines over the Empire State Building.

MOVE IN ON OBSERVATION DECK. Jake and Fu Dog approach the griffin. Jake holds out the egg.

135 JAKE
Here it is, safe and sound.

The Griffin takes it, tucking it under its body.

136 GRIFFIN
Fu Dog points to the egg excitedly.

137 FU DOG
And just in time, kid! Check out
the egg. You're about to witness
one of the miracles of the magical
world!

The shell breaks apart and an extremely cute little griffin

BABY emerges from the egg.

138 GRIFFIN BABY
The Gently nuzzles the newborn
baby.

139 GRIFFIN BABY
(smiling happily)
Jake smiles, touched.

140 JAKE
 You know what, Fu? Being the
 American Dragon is a rough job, but
 it's times like this that make it
 all worthwhi--

The Griffin suddenly lunges forward, gobbling up the baby
 Griffin whole.

141 GRIFFIN
 .
 (after a beat)

BU-URP!

Jake's jaw drops, shocked.

142 JAKE
 Hey! No! What the--! The
 Griffin just ate the--! But I
 thought--! We--the egg--! That's
 gotta be the most messed up thing I
 have ever seen in my life!

143 FU DOG
 Relax, kid. You just saved that
 Griffin's life. It starves unless
 it can eat its young once every
 thousand years. It's the magical
 circle of life. Ain't it beautiful?

144 JAKE
 I think I'm going to hurl.

Fu puts an arm around Jake, leading them down the ledge and
 away from the Griffin's nest.

145 FU DOG
 Well, time to make our egg-xit.
 Mission egg-comp-lished! That's
 all, yolks!

146 JAKE
 Uh, Fu? About those 'egg' puns?
 Never again. Cool?

WIDE ON THE TOP OF THE BUILDING - under the moonlight.

147 FU DOG
Sheesh. Sue a dog for havin' a
little fun...

FADE OUT:

END SHOW